

Dr. Wexler was too occupied with his scientific work to spend much time talking about his philosophy of science, but those of us who worked closely with him knew his lively curiosity for knowledge and his in-born desire to understand. Balancing his enthusiasm was a scientific maturity that steered him away from the pitfalls of pseudo-scientific fads. He believed that progress comes through attention to fundamentals. An admirer of Benjamin Franklin's scientific work, Wexler faithfully practiced what Franklin had advised: "He who would master nature must obey her laws. He must learn her laws and then obey them."

In a brief Foreword, it is not possible to capture in words the vigor and influence of a man like Wexler. In personality, he was warm and dynamic. He liked people. In devotion to science, he was untiring in his efforts and uncompromising in pursuit of facts and fundamentals. He gave himself wholeheartedly to advancement of atmospheric sciences through his own studies, through organization of seminars and symposia, through conferences and committees, nationally and internationally through trips to Antarctica and other remote places, and in many and various other activities. His fine qualities are remembered by all who knew him and his contributions will always be reflected in the pages of science history.

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